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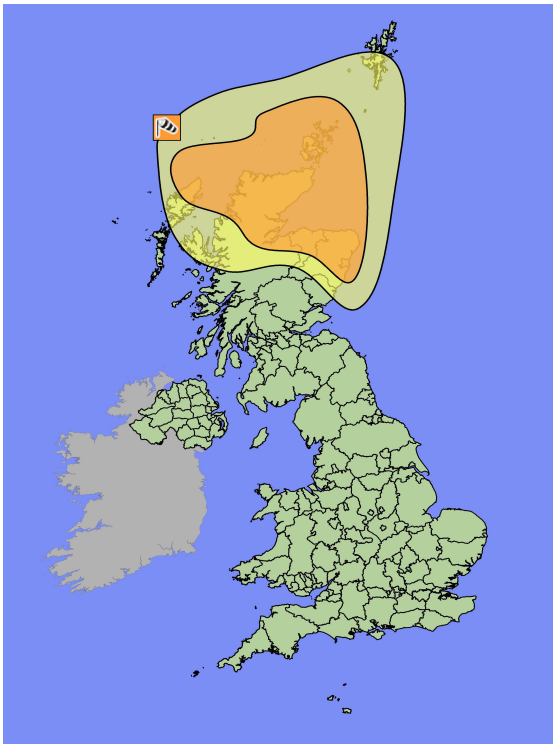

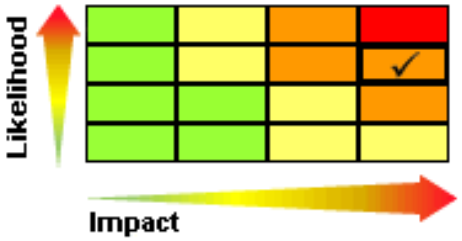

Chief Forecasters Assessment
As the deep depression passes to the east of Scotland, very strong northerly winds will pull cold air south, turning rain to snow in many areas away from exposed coasts, with a spell of blizzard conditions lasting a couple of hours.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **17:00 on Thu, 08th Dec 2011** until **23:59 on Thu, 08th Dec 2011**

A second spell of stormy conditions is expected this evening, this time affecting the far north and northeast of Scotland. Winds are likely to gust to 70-80 mph, with over 90 mph on exposed coasts and hills. Blizzards will affect inland areas above about 100 m making for atrocious driving conditions. There is a risk of disruption to transport and power.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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